

MINUTES JANUARY 23rd, 2023

START: 7:00 P.M.

PRESENT: MAYOR NICOL, COUNCILMEN GARRUZZO, GIANFORTE, GORHAM, NOLAN, SHAAK & VISCEGLIA, ATTORNEY MONTENEGRO & ADMINISTRATOR NOLAN.

ABSENT: NONE

Mayor Nicol opened the meeting in compliance with the Open Public Meetings Act followed by a silent prayer, a salute to the flag and roll call.

There being no need for a work session, Mayor Nicol then asked for a motion to approve the Minutes of the January 9th, 2023 Meeting. A motion was made by Councilman Shaak seconded by Councilman Gorham, all ayes, no nays.

Councilman Garruzzo, seconded by Councilman Gianforte introduced Resolution 23-24 for passage of the consent agenda.

- A. To memorialize Resolution 23-22-M whereby the Administrator authorized the Municipal Clerk to submit an application to the Department of Community Affairs to obtain funding for the restoration of two basketball courts in Brielle Park.

Vote: Councilman Garruzzo, Gianforte, Gorham, Nolan, Shaak & Visceglia; all ayes. No nays. Passed.

Councilman Visceglia, seconded by Councilman Gorham, introduced Resolution 23-25 For Payment of Bills. Be It Resolved that the following bills be paid, and that the Mayor or President of Council be authorized to draw orders on the Chief Finance Officer for payment of the bills of January 23rd, 2023, as reviewed by the Finance Committee and as listed on the Resolution and the Computer Bill List amended thereto. Vote: Councilman Garruzzo, Gianforte, Gorham, Nolan, Shaak & Visceglia.

The Mayor then called for committee reports and recognized Councilman Gianforte who had no report. Councilman Nolan advised that the Library would be hosting Lunch & Learn on February 7th to familiarize users with the digital technology now available. The Library would be continuing its Yoga Program and on February 23rd the Cook Book Club would be meeting. Turning to Recreation, Councilman Nolan noted that Bidy Basketball had commenced and in addition to the grant application referenced in the consent agenda another application for the restoration of Nienstedt Island as in the works.

Councilman Garruzzo cited Chief Olsen's reminder to residents that, despite a relative calm in terms of car thief, residents should never be complacent and continue to lock their vehicles and homes.

Councilman Shaak, Gorham and Visceglia having no reports the meeting was open to the public and the Chair recognized Janet Hendricks, 615 Leslie Avenue who voiced a number of concerns to the Governing Body.

Ms. Hendricks asked about the situation of the Green Avenue project and was informed by Councilman Shaak that it was scheduled to begin in the Spring. Ms. Hendricks was concerned as to whether or not curbs would be included and as promised the storm drains would be repaired. Councilman Shaak believed that that work was included in the bid specifications.

Ms. Hendricks then addressed the problems being created by work at 504 Green Avenue. A combination of construction and dredging had created detritus consisting of dirt and mud that was being spread along the roadway. She wanted to know whose responsibility it was for a clean-up. Councilman Shaak stated the contractor was responsible.

Ms. Hendricks also cited a dumpster in the rear parking lot of the Riverhouse that had contained everything from trash to dog feces. The residents had to endure the smell for weeks before the dumpster was finally removed.

In addition, the N.J. Transit project and work by N.J. Natural Gas was yet to be remediated and she asked if provisions were being made to ensure that once Green Avenue was finally repaved, those entities would not begin another project and tear up the roadway.

Ms. Hendricks concerns over 504 Green Avenue were shared by Ms. Janice Natoli 2 Crescent Drive and Patty Summers 104 Lake Avenue who recognized that dredging was a dirty job, but the spoils were odoriferous and had been there for some time. In addition, Ms. Summers cited residents placing garden waste in plastic bags along with cardboard boxes of debris that were being taken by the trash collector despite the fact cardboard was recyclable.

Ms. Hendrick asked why the residents had to bring these matters to the Council's attention as surely, they had been aware of the situation. Ms. Hendricks cited the work she and her husband performed in an effort to maintain their property and the immediate area while others ignore the rules. She added that she had cleaned up a pile of brush by Carpenter Park and assumed that it would remain there until May when brush collection resumed. Councilman Shaak said he would discuss this with the DPW Superintendent.

Shaun McCafferty 299 Old Bridge Road was recognized, and he stated that he was the contractor for 504 Green Avenue. He explained that everything had been done in compliance with the NJDEP Permit and he did admit that dredging was a dirty job, but he felt that if it had to be done then January was the best time to do it. He advised that he had a street sweeper on site and he had endeavored to keep the street clean and to keep the gravel that formed the base driveway for the trucks that entered and exited the property from leaving the property; he was not always successful, but he tried his best. He added that he had been building docks in the area for a number of years and knew the residents who were being impacted. He stated that they could also call him on his cell phone.

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Mr. McCafferty added that he intended to run four trucks through the end of the week in an effort to remove all the remaining dredge spoils from the site; he noted that NJDEP Regulations required that they be dried out prior to transportation to the dump site.

The meeting was adjourned at 7:28pm on a motion by Councilman Shaak seconded by Councilman Visceglia.

Approved: February 13th, 2023

Carol Baran
Municipal Clerk

Resolution No.: 23-22-M
Date: January 9th, 2023

Whereas, the Borough of Brielle desires to apply for and obtain a grant from the New Jersey Department of Community Affairs for approximately \$225,000.00 to carry out a project to Rehabilitate and improve drainage of the two basketball courts in Brielle Park.

Be it therefore resolved,

- 1) that the Borough of Brielle does hereby authorize the application for such a grant; and,
- 2) recognizes and accepts that the Department may offer a lesser or greater amount and therefore, upon receipt of the grant agreement from the New Jersey Department of Community Affairs, does further authorize the execution of any such grant agreement; and also, upon receipt of the fully executed agreement from the Department, does further authorize the expenditure of funds pursuant to the terms of the agreement between the Borough of Brielle and the New Jersey Department of Community Affairs.

Be it further resolved that the persons whose names, titles, and signatures appear below are authorized to sign the application, and that they or their successors in said titles are authorized to sign the agreement, and any other documents necessary in connection therewith:

Thomas F Nolan
Administrator

Carol Baran
Municipal Clerk

Certification

The foregoing is a true copy of a resolution passed by the Brielle Mayor & Council at their Organization Meeting held on January 9th, 2023.

Witness my hand and seal of the Borough of Brielle this 10th day of January 2023.

Carol Baran
Municipal Clerk